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thumb-nail to the proper size, and must then be passed under the spring *l*, over the ivory swivel *j*, and under the spring *m*: it is now in a fit position to be worked, the springs answering the same purpose as the thumb and second finger, and the swivel representing the forefinger, over which the work is folded.

For sewing; replace the piece fig. 2, by the piece fig. 3, which consists of a base supporting the two springs *o p*. The two pieces to be sewed are placed between the clip of the springs, having their edges a little projecting, in the same manner as they are usually held by the forefinger and thumb, for which the springs are a substitute.

Although the apparatus was intended to supply the loss only of a left hand, yet it is obvious that it would equally well stand in place of a right hand, as soon as the woman had acquired the facility of holding the needle in the left hand.

The makers of surgeons' instruments, &c., who were present at the Committee, stated that they had never before heard of any contrivance for the above-mentioned purpose.

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#### No. X.

#### TRUSS FOR HERNIA.

*The Thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. GEORGE BUNNEY, of 26, Lower Eaton Street, Pimlico, for a Supplement to his former Communication on a Truss for Hernia.*

LAST year Mr. Bunney was rewarded for a belt for corpulent persons, which belt is attached to and forms part

of a pair of drawers made to fit exceedingly well and tight. In the communication made by him at that time, he suggests the probable utility of applying his invention as a truss for hernia, by merely making a pocket in the drawers and placing in it a ball covered with soft leather. This, with no other pressure than the close fitting of the drawers, he conceived would be found quite effectual for the purpose intended. He has since put this suggestion into practice; at first with no other difference than the substitution of a ball of caoutchouc for one covered with leather; but has subsequently found it most convenient to use a simple pad, with elastic straps passing round the thigh and waist, and covered by the elastic drawers mentioned in his former paper. The drawers, by fitting extraordinarily well and accommodating themselves perfectly to any position of the body, are found to be a most valuable help in preventing any motion of the pad, while at the same time the wearer is not troubled with any feeling of constraint.

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## No. XI.

## BED FOR REDUCING DISLOCATIONS.

*The LARGE SILVER MEDAL was presented to STAFFORD BENSON, Esq., of 14, Jewin Crescent, Jewin Street, for his Bed for reducing Dislocations; a Model of which has been placed in the Society's Repository.*

IN dislocations of the larger joints, it is not unfrequently necessary to employ a power greater than the mere strength of one or two assistants, in order to overcome